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SUBJ: REPORT OF SYG - FON MIN FAHMY CONVERSATION

1. SYG WALDHEIM TOLD ME TODAY THAT EGYPTIAN FON MIN FAHMY IN LUNCHEON TALK YESTERDAY SAID EGYPT WILL MAKE NO CONCESSION ON POW'S UNTIL ISRAEL RETURNS TO OCT 22 LINES. WALDHEIM REPORTED FAHMY WAS "VERY FIRM" ON THIS AND ADDED THAT IT WLD BE NECESSARY FOR WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, INCLUDING THE UN, TO PUT PRESSURE ON WASHINGTON TO FORCE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW.

2. SYG SAID FAHMY CREDITED KISSINGER WITH SINCERE EFFORTS OBTAIN CONCESSIONS FROM ISRAEL BUT REPORTED KISSINGER APPARENTLY HAS NOT SUCCEEDED IN BUDGING ISRAELIS ON WITHDRAWAL. WALDHEIM QUOTED FAHMY AS SAYING, "THERE IS NO BREAK-THROUGH" TOWARD RESOLVING CEASE-FIRE IMPASSE.

3. FAHMY ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE UN SHOULD BE INVOLVED NOT ONLY IN GETTING ISRAELIS TO WITHDRAW BUT IN LATER PEACE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH SHLD BE UNDER UN AUSPICES. WALDHEIM SAID FAHMY EXPECTED A FULL-FLEDGED PEACE CONF WITH "BIG POWERS" PARTICIPATING
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IN ADDITION TO ISRAEL, SYRIA AND EGYPT. HE IDENTIFIED "BIG POWERS" AS US, BRIT, FRANCE AND SOVS, BUT NOT CHINA WHICH FAHMY EXPECTS WILL OPT OUT. WALDHEIM SAID HE GATHERED FAHMY PREFERS NY AS PECAE CONF SITE BECAUSE

NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN UN CLD HELP PRESSURE OUTCOME.

4. AUSTRIAN AMB JANKOWITSCH, SC PRES, REPORTED FAHMY CALLED ON HIM AND REPORTED WASH NEGOTS WITH KISSINGER CARRIED ON IN "CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT" AND THAT HE IMPRESSED WITH PRES NIXON ATTITUDE. FAHMY APPEARED "GENUINELY SATISFIED" THAT AMERICANS ACTING SINCERELY. FAHMY'S MAIN PURPOSE, JANKOWITSCH SAID, WAS TO ADVISE HIM THAT EGYPT WOULD ABIDE BY SC RESES 338, 339 AND 340. IN FAHMY'S VIEW, MOST IMPORTANT NEXT STEP WAS ISRAELI RETURN TO OCT 22 LINES AND THAT HE WAS "VERY KEEN" THAT UN SC CONTINUE TO EXERT PRESSURE TOWARDS THIS GOAL EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT NOT HOLD PUBLIC MTGS AT THIS TIME. FAHMY TOLD JANKOWITSCH POW ISSUE SHLD NOT BE TIED TO BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATING PROCESS BUT COMPLAINED THAT ISRAELIS WERE MAKING POW RELEASE A CONDITION TO LIFTING OF BLOCKADE OF EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY.

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